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Promising Strategies for Strengthening Homicide Investigations

Findings and Recommendations from the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Homicide Investigations Enhancement Training and Technical Assistance Project

One of the most important roles of local police agencies is to investigate incidents that involve the loss of a human life due to violence. Thorough investigations of homicides are critical for ensuring that perpetrators are identified and apprehended, for bringing justice to victims and their families, and for protecting the safety of the community.

In 2014, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) was selected by the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to implement the Homicide Investigations Enhancement Training & Technical Assistance Project. As part of this project, PERF has conducted comprehensive assessments of the homicide investigation policies and practices in five police departments: the Baltimore Police Department, the Cleveland Division of Police, the Houston Police Department, the Miami Police Department, and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

The project sites were chosen based on criteria that included: a recent rise in homicide rates, homicide clearance rates that were decreasing and/or were below the national average, and a commitment of the police departments' leaders to improving homicide investigation procedures.

This publication documents the findings and recommendations that emerged from the site assessments, as well as from a conference that was held by PERF and BJA on January 31, 2017, that brought together officials from the five sites and experts in the field of homicide investigations. The recommendations included in this publication, which are based on research regarding promising investigative practices, reflect many of the common challenges faced by the project sites and other agencies across the country.

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